

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) An image displaying device which is connected with a plurality of terminals to store image data through a network that permits two-way communications and which acquires image data from each terminal, thereby displaying an image, said image displaying device comprising:

a communication unit at the displaying device side that performs two-way communications with each of said terminals,

an image data acquisition controlling unit that acquires image data from a relevant terminal in such a way that when ~~it~~ the image data acquisition controlling unit acquires image data from ~~a~~ the relevant terminal by controlling said communication unit at the displaying device side, ~~it~~ the image data acquisition controlling unit instructs other terminals to suspend transmission, thereby suspending transmission of image data, ~~and~~

an image displaying unit that displays an image in response to the image data acquired as the result of control by said image data acquisition controlling unit, and

a mode switching unit that switches a split display mode to and from a sequential display mode, so that, in the split display mode, the image displaying unit displays images based on individual image data on divided sections of one screen, and in the sequential display mode, the image displaying unit displays one image based on the individual image data on a full screen, wherein

the image data acquisition controlling unit controls, in the sequential display mode, the communication unit at the display device side in such a way that the image data

acquisition controlling unit designates a specific terminal as the relevant terminal until the transmission terminal is switched and continues to acquire image data, and

the image data acquisition controlling unit sends to the terminals, other than the relevant terminal, a request to suspend transmission, requests the relevant terminal for transmission of image data for one image or continuous transmission of image data until an instruction to switch the source of image transmission is issued, so that while the image based on the image data output from the relevant terminal is being displayed, the other terminals do not output image data, and thereafter requests the switched terminal to transmit image data.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The image displaying device as defined in ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 2, in which the image data acquisition controlling unit controls, in the split display mode, the communication unit at the display device side in such a way that it designates sequentially each terminal which stores image data for images to be displayed on the divided sections as the relevant terminal and sequentially acquires image data for images to be displayed on the divided sections.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An image displaying method for causing each terminal of a plurality of terminals to output image data to an image displaying device to display an image, thereby displaying an image, said image displaying device being connected through a network capable of two-way communications with ~~a~~ the plurality of terminals to store image data for images to be displayed, said image displaying method comprising:

an instruction to suspend transmission of image data ~~is~~ issued to other terminals when image data are acquired from a relevant terminal,

the outputting of image data is suspended in the terminal to which an instruction to suspend transmission has been issued, the outputting of image data is continued in the relevant terminal to which no instruction to suspend transmission has been issued, ~~and~~

the image displaying device acquires image data from the relevant terminal, thereby displaying images based on the ~~thus~~-acquired image data,

switching a split display mode to and from a sequential display mode, so that, in the split display mode, the image displaying device displays images based on individual image data on divided sections of one screen, and in the sequential display mode, the image displaying device displays one image based on the individual image data on a full screen,

designating, in the sequential display mode, a specific terminal as the relevant terminal until the transmission terminal is switched and continues to acquire image data, and

instructing the relevant terminal to transmit image data for one image or continuously transmit image data until an instruction is issued to switch the source of the image transmission, thereby while the image based on the image data output from the relevant terminal is being displayed, the other terminals do not output image data, and thereafter requests the switched terminal to transmit image data.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A computer-readable medium storing an image displaying program to control an image displaying device which is connected through a network capable of two-way communications with a plurality of terminals to store image data and which acquires image data from each terminal, thereby displaying images, said image displaying program comprising:

a communication function allowing a computer at the display device side to perform two-way communications with said terminals,

an image data acquisition controlling function which, when acquiring image data from a relevant terminal by controlling said communication function at the display

device side, instructs other terminals to suspend transmission, thereby suspending transmission of image data, and acquires image data from the relevant terminal, ~~and~~
an image displaying function that causes the image display device to display images based on the image data acquired by control by the image data acquisition controlling function, and

a mode switching function that switches a split display mode to and from a sequential display mode, so that, in the split display mode, the image displaying function displays images based on individual image data on divided sections of one screen, and in the sequential display mode, the image displaying function displays one image based on the individual image data on a full screen, wherein

the image data acquisition controlling function controls, in the sequential display mode, the communication function at the display device side in such a way that the image data acquisition controlling function designates a specific terminal as the relevant terminal until the transmission terminal is switched and continues to acquire image data, and

the image data acquisition controlling function sends to the terminals, other than the relevant terminal, a request to suspend transmission, requests the relevant terminal for transmission of image data for one image or continuous transmission of image data until an instruction to switch the source of image transmission is issued, so that while the image based on the image data output from the relevant terminal is being displayed, the other terminals do not output image data, and thereafter requests the switched terminal to transmit image data.

9-10. (Canceled)